

WIGMORE RURAL DISTRICT.

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,
FOR THE YEAR,

1919.

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WIGMORE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

I beg to lay before you my Annual Report for 1919.

The area of the District is 38, 609 acres, exclusive of area under water.

The District is situated in the Northern corner of Herefordshire. It is bounded on the North and East by Shropshire, on the West by Radnorshire, on the South by

Kington and Leominster Rural Districts. The District is a hilly one, Mocktree in the North East and Willey in the West bordering on 1,000 feet. It is well ~~at~~ watered by the rivers, Teme, Clun and Lugg, which flow in an Easterly direction.

Geologically the District is chiefly Lime Stone, with traces of Free Stone. The subsoil is chiefly gravel. The hilly portions are on rock. The District is well wooded and picturesque.

INDUSTRIES.

The industries are almost exclusively Agricultural and the District is famous for the breeding of Herefordshire Cattle.

POPULATION.

The estimated population at the middle of the year was 3,359. In the year previous it was 3,066.

The number of inhabited houses at the census of 1911 was 862, with an average number of persons per house, 4.37.

The population of the District at census 1911 was 3,772. Thus there is an apparent decrease of 413. In 1918, this was

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There is an important reason for this. In 1870 the

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706. In pre-war days a decrease was explained by the gravitation to large towns of the young people. At the present time it is due principally to the results of warfare. Consequently the usual method of estimating the population has had to be abandoned. The Registrar-General has issued two estimates of the population for 1919, -- the one given above for the death-rate and another, 3,499 for the Birth-rate.; this for 1918 was 3,435. This reduces the decrease of the population to 273, against 337 in 1918, and represents more correctly the actual facts of the decrease.

BIRTHS.

The number of births registered in the District during the year was 71, against 51 in 1918; 58 in 1917; and 64 in 1916.

(34 males and 37 females.) Rate per 1,000 living, 20.3; for 1918, 14.85. The birth-rate for England and Wales (Rural) was 18.5.

Number of illegitimate births, 6; rate per 1,000, 1.7.

In 1918 the number was 5; rate per 1,000, 1.4.

As the number of legitimate births was 65, the legitimate birth-rate was 19.0.

DEATHS.

The number of deaths registered in the District during 1919 was 51; 35 males, 16 females.

This is inclusive of 10 deaths occurring outside the District, but transferred in of persons belonging

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to the District. 8 of these occurred in Institutions.

Rate per 1,000 persons living, 15·2. Rate for England and Wales (Rural), 13·8.

There were no uncertified deaths.

Six deaths were certified by H.M. Coroner.

Of these,

1 was due to natural causes;

3 to accidents;

2 to suicide.

INFANTILE MORTALITY.

The number of children dying under one year of age was 7.

The infant mortality rate refers to the number of children who die under one year of age, per 1,000 births.

Thus the death-rate for the District is 98·5. In 1918 it was 59. The rate for England and Wales is 89. In 1918 it was 97.

Table giving the cause of death of infants under one year of age;---

Premature Birth	1
Debility from Birth	1
Congenital Heart Disease	1
Infantile Jaundice	1
Convulsions	1
Pneumonia	1
Unclassed	<u>1</u>

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One of the above was illegitimate. This was born and died in an institution.

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ZYMOTIC DEATH-RATE.

By the above term is meant the death from the Principal Infectious Diseases; none have occurred.

TUBERCULOSIS.

There has been one death from Pulmonary Tuberculosis and one from Tubercular Meningitis.

Bisinfection of rooms is carried out by the Sanitary Inspector.

The following table gives the number of cases notified during the year. --

Pulmonary Tuberculosis	9	8 males 1 female
Other forms of Tuberculosis.	3	2 males 1 female.

One of the above was a Portuguese worker in the Woods. He was repatriated as soon as possible after notification. Two were discharged soldiers.

Bacteriological Examination of Sputa is carried out at the County Laboratory, by arrangement with the County Council.

Inquiries are made, and such steps as are necessary are taken for the investigation of the source of infection and for preventing the spread of infection.

CANCER.

Number of deaths from Cancer., 7. Males, 5; Females, 2.

RATE PER 1,000

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By the above it is shown that the
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TESTIMONY

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one from the original
Identification of record is carried out by the
Inspector.

The following table gives the number of cases
and the date.

Lithographic Presses	
1	1
2	2
3	3
4	4
5	5

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Deaths from Cancer.

RATE PER 1,000.

1916	1917	1918	1919
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Five cases occurred in different localities; the remaining two in the same village.

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

No cases of Puerperal Fever have occurred in the District.

SCARLET FEVER.

7 cases. These occurred in four different villages.

DIPHTHERIA.

1 case.

ERYSIPELAS.

None.

MEASLES AND GERMAN MEASLES.

2 cases of German Measles were notified in April.

At the end of this month, both these infectious diseases had ceased to be notifiable.

There is a small Emergency Small-Pox Hospital at Birtley, containing three beds; it is in charge of a care-taker.

There is no Isolation Hospital for other Infectious Diseases.

INFLUENZA.

The District has suffered from Influenza, though not in the epidemic form of last year. From it and Pneumonia, 9

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Influenza.

9 deaths occurred; 7 males and 2 females.

NURSING.

Wigmore has for several months been supplied with a District Nurse. Downton and Leintwardine Districts had already the advantage of possessing very efficient Nurses. Birtley and Lingen Districts have a certified Nurse also, who works under supervision. Brampton Bryan shares one, with Bucknell in Shropshire. Thus the whole District has Nursing Advantages.

SCHOOLS.

The following Schools were closed for varying periods during the year, in consequence of Influenza;---

Leintwardine, Wigmore and Shobdon.

HOUSING.

This has demanded an extensive report which has been supplied previously.

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I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W.B.Darroll, M.D.,

Medical Officer of Health.

Leintwardine.

May 1920.

I have the honor to acknowledge
your letter of the 10th inst.
and in reply to inform you
that the same has been forwarded
to the proper authorities for their
consideration.

Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. W. [Name]

Enclosed find

one copy

Very truly yours,

